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APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from Members of Parliament and general quota pending for telephone connections in Bihar at present;

(b) whether the new cable lines for telephone connections have been laid to meet the demand during the last three years;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the target set for laying new cable lines during the current year and the progress made in this connection, till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, 11,960 applications received from Member of Parliament and 11,6,880 applications received from General Public are pending for provision of telephone connections in Bihar as on 30-11-2004.

(b) & (c) Receipt of underground Cables has started and laying is also in progress for providing connections to the wait listed applicants.

(d) A target to provide 80,000 DELs on land line has been fixed for the current year in Bihar for which 5.6 LCKM cable is to be laid during the current year. As on 30-11-04, 1.42 LCKM cable has been laid and 43,533 connections have been provided since 01-04-04.